

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

DAVID DUGAN)	FILED: JUNE 4, 2008
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Plaintiff,)	JUDGE CASTILLO
)	Case No. MAGISTRATE JUDGE COLE
)	
vs.)	COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION
)	OF CIVIL RIGHTS
VILLAGE OF HAZELCREST, Hazel Crest Police)	
Officer D. Pierce, Star No. 218, and an Unknown)	
Unnamed Police Officer, Individually,)	
)	JURY DEMANDED
Defendants,)	

Plaintiff alleges:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This action arises under the United States Constitution and the Civil Rights Act of 1871 [42 U.S.C. Section 1983]. This court has jurisdiction under and by virtue of 28 U.S.C. Sections 1343 and 1331.

2. Venue is founded in this judicial court upon 28 U.S.C. Section 1391 as the acts complained of arose in this district.

PARTIES

3. At all times herein mentioned, plaintiff DAVID DUGAN was and is a citizen of the United States, and was within the jurisdiction of this court.

4. At all times herein mentioned defendant Hazel Crest Police Officer, D. PIERCE Star No. 218 ("PIERCE") was employed by the Hazel Crest Police Department, and was acting under color of state law and as the employee, agent, or representative of the Hazel Crest Police Department. This Defendant is being sued in his individual capacity.

5. At all times herein mentioned defendant Unknown Unnamed Hazel Crest Police Officer, ("Unknown Officer") was employed by the Hazel Crest Police Department, and was acting under color of state law and as the employee, agent, or representative of the Hazel Crest Police Department. This Defendant is being sued in his individual capacity and will be identified by name once his identity is ascertained.

6. At all times herein mentioned, the VILLAGE OF HAZEL CREST was a political division of the State of Illinois, existing as such under the laws of the State of Illinois. At all relevant times, the VILLAGE OF HAZEL CREST maintained, managed, and/or operated the Hazel Crest Police Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

7. On or about June 18, 2007, Plaintiff was lawfully in his home, in the Village of Hazel Crest, County of Cook, State of Illinois.

8. At that time and place defendants seized plaintiff.

9. Plaintiff did not consent to being seized.

10. There was no outstanding arrest warrant for plaintiff.

11. There was no legal cause to seize plaintiff.

12. During the course of seizing plaintiff one or both defendants used force against plaintiff.

13. There was no legal cause for defendants to use force against plaintiff.

14. By reason of the above-described acts and omissions of defendants, Plaintiff sustained injuries, including but not limited to, humiliation and indignities, and suffered great mental and emotional pain and suffering all to his damage in an amount to be ascertained.

15. The aforementioned acts of defendants were willful, wanton, malicious, oppressive and done with reckless indifference to and/or callous disregard for Plaintiff's rights and justify the awarding of exemplary and punitive damages in an amount to be ascertained according to proof at the time of trial.

16. By reason of the above-described acts and omissions of defendants, Plaintiff was required to retain an attorney to institute, prosecute and render legal assistance to him in the within action so that he might vindicate the loss and impairment of his rights. By reason thereof, Plaintiff requests payment by Defendants of a reasonable sum for attorney's fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 1988, the Equal Access to Justice Act or any other provision set by law.

COUNT I
Plaintiff Against Defendants PIERCE and UNKNOWN OFFICER for
UNREASONABLE SEIZURE

17. Plaintiff hereby incorporates and realleges Paragraphs one (1) through sixteen (16) hereat as though fully set forth at this place.

18. By reason of the Defendants' conduct Plaintiff was deprived of rights, privileges and immunities secured to him by the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States and laws enacted thereunder.

19. The arbitrary intrusion by Defendants, into the security and privacy of Plaintiff's person was in violation of Plaintiff's Constitutional Rights and not authorized by law. The Defendants violated the Plaintiff's rights in the following manner: the seizure of Plaintiff was without any legal cause. The foregoing was unnecessary, unreasonable and excessive, and was therefore in violation of Plaintiff's rights. Therefore, the Defendants are liable to Plaintiff pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

COUNT II
Plaintiff Against Defendants PIERCE and UNKNOWN OFFICER for
EXCESSIVE FORCE

20. Plaintiff hereby incorporate and reallege paragraphs one (1) through sixteen (16) hereat as though fully set forth at this place.

21. During and immediately after plaintiff's seizure defendants used excessive force against plaintiff's person.

22. There was no legal cause for defendants to use force against plaintiff.

23. By reason of defendants' conduct, plaintiff was deprived of rights, privileges and immunities secured to him by the Fourth and/or Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and laws enacted thereunder.

24. The physical violence inflicted upon plaintiff by was unnecessary, unreasonable, and excessive, and was therefore in violation of plaintiff's Fourth Amendment Rights. Therefore, defendants are liable to plaintiff pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

COUNT III
Plaintiff Against defendants PIERCE, UNKNOWN OFFICER, and the VILLAGE OF
HAZEL CREST For The State Supplemental Claim Of Malicious Prosecution

25. Plaintiff hereby incorporates and re-alleges paragraphs one (1) through sixteen (16) hereat as though fully alleged at this place.

26. Defendants PIERCE and/or UNKNOWN OFFICER caused a criminal prosecution to commence against the plaintiff.

27. Defendants PIERCE and/or UNKNOWN OFFICER, police officers employed by the VILLAGE OF HAZEL CREST, maliciously commenced and caused to be continued a

criminal action against the plaintiff without probable cause for the institution of these proceedings. As a result, plaintiff was injured emotionally, financially, and otherwise from the loss of certain constitutionally protected liberty and related rights.

28. Defendants PIERCE and/or UNKNOWN OFFICER facilitated this malicious prosecution by the creation of false evidence, by giving false police reports, and/or signing a false criminal complaint against plaintiff.

29. The criminal proceedings were terminated in the plaintiffs' favor in or about July, 2007.

30. The VILLAGE OF HAZELCREST is liable to plaintiff for the acts of PIERCE and/or UNKNOWN OFFICER pursuant to the doctrine of *respondeat superior*.

31. Therefore, defendants PIERCE, UNKNOWN OFFICER, and the VILLAGE OF HAZEL CREST are liable under the state supplemental claim of Malicious Prosecution.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, by and through his attorneys, ED FOX & ASSOCIATES, requests judgment as follows against the Defendants, and each of them:

1. That the Defendants be required to pay Plaintiff's general damages, including emotional distress, in a sum to be ascertained;
2. That the Defendants be required to pay Plaintiff's special damages;
3. That the Defendants be required to pay Plaintiff's attorneys fees pursuant to Section 1988 of Title 42 of the United States Code, the Equal Access to Justice Act or any other applicable provision;
4. That the Defendants other than the Village of Hazel Crest be required to pay punitive and exemplary damages in a sum to be ascertained;
5. That the Defendants be required to pay Plaintiff's costs of the suit herein incurred; and
6. That Plaintiff have such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

BY: /s/ Garrett Browne
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PLAINTIFF HEREBY REQUESTS A TRIAL BY JURY

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